

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Johnathan Berschadsky (Reg# 46,551) on April 21, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

19. (currently amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium storing thereon an executable program that can be executed in an information processing apparatus having a memory unit configured to store a plurality of print control modules, including first and second print control modules, for performing image processing and control processing corresponding to printer functions, each of the first and second print control modules supporting a plurality of types of printers, and store a management table that contains identification information of the first print control module, version information of the first print control module, and printer type information regarding printers supported by the first print control module, said storage medium storing an executable program for causing said information processing apparatus to perform a method comprising:

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obtaining, from the second print control module, version information of the second print control module and printer type information regarding the plurality of types of printers supported by the second print control module;

updating the management table by recording identification information of the second print control module, and the version information and the printer type information obtained from the second print control module in the management table, if at least one printer type of the printer type information for the second print control module obtained from the second print control module is identical to at least one printer type of the printer type information for the first print control module contained in the management table and if the version information of the second print control module obtained from the second print control module is newer than the version information of the first print control module contained in the management table, wherein said management table is updated without updating the second print control module;

recognizing a printer type of a certain printer; selecting one of the first and second print control modules in correspondence with the recognized printer type by referring to the management table and

executing the selected print control module.

20. - 28. (Cancelled)

Claims 1, 6-10, 13, and 15-19 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Gase was relied upon to disclose a file server that stores a printer/driver table that associates each printer with a printer driver for a plurality of models of printer and is directed to storing a most updated version of the printer driver in the printer/driver library and enables printer/driver table to be updated to reflect the newly inserted data.. This is in contrast to applicant's invention in that it obtains information regarding a plurality of types of printers supported by a print driver is obtained from the print driver, and that the updating unit updates the management table without updating the second print control module.

A thorough of the prior art fails to disclose or render obvious, "updating the management table by recording identification information of the second print control module, and the version information and the printer type information obtained from the second print control module in the management table, if at least one printer type of the printer type information for the second print control module obtained from the second print control module is identical to at least one printer type of the printer type information for the first print control module contained in the management table and if the version information of the second print control module obtained from the second print control module is newer than the version information of the first print control module contained in the management table, wherein said management table is updated without updating the second print control module"

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chirag R Patel whose telephone number is (571)272-7966. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on (571) 272-1915.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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